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Jobless rates in 114 counties

FRANKFORT — Unemployment rates in 114 counties in Kentucky rose in November 2010 and 2011, while state rates increased, to the Kentucky Employment and Workforce Development Cabinet.

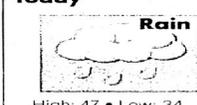
Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 6.3 percent. It was followed by Ohio County, 6.6 percent; Fayette County, 6.7 percent; Caldwell and Daviess counties, 7 percent each; Oldham and Warren counties, 7.1 percent each; and Calloway, Franklin, Hopkins and Madison counties, 7.2 percent each.

Jackson County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 15.1 percent. It was followed by Fulton County, 14.2 percent; Magoffin County, 14 percent; McCreary County, 13.9 percent; Meade County, 13.5 percent; Clay County, 12.8 percent; Bell County, 12.7 percent; Lee County, 12.4 percent; Menifee County, 12.3 percent and Wayne County, 12.2 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparison between United States, state and county figures.

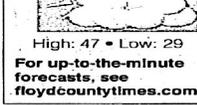
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Stumbo backs bringing UPIKE into state system

John B. Davis
Managing Editor

PIKEVILLE — As state officials weigh a proposal to transform the University of Pikeville from a private institution to a public one of the state's most powerful leaders has thrown his full support to the idea.

House Speaker Greg Stumbo (D-Prestonsburg) released a statement

Wednesday, saying he sees a need for such a state-supported university in Eastern Kentucky.

"I am aware of the discussions regarding moving the University of Pikeville into the state system," Stumbo said in the statement. "I have always advocated the need for a four-year state university in the deep mountains to educate our children and pull ourselves out of a cycle

of poverty. I would hope all of our universities would recognize this great need and join with us to form a plan that would benefit every Kentuckian in the long run."

On Thursday, Stumbo was even more supportive, specifically in regard to that school being UPIKE.

"I support it 150 percent," Stumbo told The Floyd County Times.

Stumbo said a simple

review of education statistics in the area proves the need for such a move. He said that while the state has made some progress in combating poverty in its Appalachian region, higher education is "the last piece of the puzzle" that hasn't been tackled.

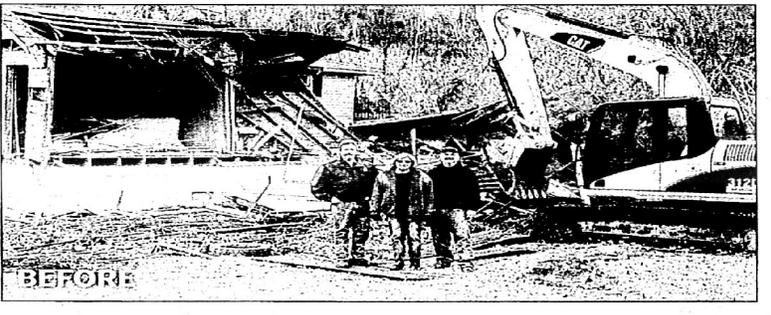
"Kentucky has to solve the problems in Eastern Kentucky that it has



Rep. Greg Stumbo

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House Demolition



Floyd County nuisance ordinances are now being enforced says Judge-Executive R.D. "Doc" Marshall, who is shown in these before-and-after pictures at the site of a dilapidated Wayland house that was recently demolished, along with Code Enforcement Officer Randy Bryant, Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz, and District 2 Magistrate Hattie Owens. Marshall says the process is a lengthy one, but hopes similar projects to remove nuisances will move forward in the future.

Schools hold annual Christmas writing program

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

MARTIN — A yearly tradition of Floyd County children appearing on radio took place recently, with a visit from the big man in red to top off the event.

Floyd County Schools, WMDJ 100.1 FM and McDonald's have shared a 14-year partnership to sponsor the "Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child" program. Every December, a different school is featured and nearly 200 children were on the air this year. Through their joint efforts, the community has heard the voices of almost 2,800 children from the Floyd County School District over the years.

"(This is) a great partnership link between our homes, our community and our schools," said Floyd County Supt. Henry Webb. "Together, we make a tremendous impact in educating our students. We want to encourage families to read together, and this program promotes that idea."

The program encourages Floyd County students from kindergarten through grade 12 to submit a writing selection which is limited to 30 seconds of radio air time. Students were asked to respond to one of 11 writing prompts, or to write about their own idea.

Each school submits their top 20 writings to district judges who determine 12 winners for each school. County winners are chosen for high school, middle grades, intermediate, and primary winners. The school district chose 20 art winners whose drawings were published in the district's keepsake book with all the students' writings.

This year's judges included John Carroll, Mazola Almons, Kitty Jennings, Fran Stepp, Cassandra Crum-Stratton, Jeffrey Hicks, Kay Ross, Brenda Miller, Sherry Ratliff, Jessica Rudd, Linda Dyer, Lisa Pelphey, from Big Sandy Community and Technical

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Students score perfect on ACT prep exam

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

Several Floyd County students received perfect scores on the recent EXPLORE exam. Students who scored a perfect 25 in one or more areas include Hannah Arnett, Nathan Brinager, Racheal Collins, Eric Clark, Zachary Caldwell, Rylan Huey, Kaley Bates, Casey Rogers, Jannah Halbert, Kory Stevens, Alexis Hall, John Stratton, Ashley Hall, Caitlyn Tackett, Austin Howell, Austin Yates, Cheyenne Hunter, Travis Hamilton, Allison Hyden, Deanna Kidd, Faith Mitchell, Daniel

Martin, Johnathan Ousley, Dylan Newsome, Jordan Pack, Kelsey Smith, Haley Pinson, Byron Cox, Peyton Triplett, Brent Dye, Laryn Wallen, Zachary Hall, Lakeisha Crum, Ethan Spears, and Davis Shepherd.

According to the ACT, EXPLORE contains four curriculum-based assessments — English, mathematics, reading and science. The assessment is based on the major areas of high school and postsecondary instructional programs and measures the skills and knowledge needed for

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Bridge Named



Highway crews installed signs designating a bridge along Route 114 as the "Anthony Paul Osborne Memorial Bridge." The fiscal court approved the name earlier this year in honor of Osborne, who died in a car wreck near the site. A ceremony to officially dedicate the bridge is planned after the holidays.

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Obituaries

Burns Damron

Burns Damron, 70, of Martin, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at Kings Daughter Medical Center, in Ashland.

He was born June 17, 1941, to the late Earmon and Liza Click Damron. He was a security guard at Prestonsburg Community College.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Bobby Luke Damron, and one sister, Gloria Faye Jarvis.

He is survived by one son, Toby Damron, of Indiana; two daughters, Angie Damron and Rita Damron, both of Indiana; two brothers, David Damron, of Prestonsburg, and James Damron, of Banner; two sisters, Myrtle Workman, of Proctorville, Ohio, and Janet Damron, of Martin; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Donnie Hall and Bud Crum officiating. Burial will follow the service at Stratton Cemetery, at Ivel.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jack Wendell Hall

Jack Wendell Hall, 64, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011, at Solara Hospital, in Shawnee, Okla.

He was born on May 20, 1947, to the late Gene and Inez Spears Hall. He had two special step-parents, JoAnn Newman Hall and Garnett Hensley Hall.

He was a mechanic and a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his son and daughter, Jackie Hall, of Centerburg, Ohio, Sharon Hall Grant, of Kingston, Okla., and Karen Hall Slaton, of Centerburg, Ohio; brothers and sisters, Lefe Hall, of Harold, Greg Hall, of Austin, Texas, Timothy Hall and Patrick Hall, both of Lexington, Gary Hall, of Nicholasville, Winnie Hall Mullins, of Ewake, and Angelia Hall Charles-Zapta, of Marshall, Mich.; and grandchildren, Jessica Savanna, Madalynn, Maisie.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist officiating. Burial will follow the service at Ivel Spears Cemetery, in Buffalo.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Jeanette Mullins

Linda Jeanette Mullins, 48, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, Dec. 15, 2011, at her residence.

She was born Dec. 23, 1962, to the late Olin and Evelyn Grace Gilliam Blackburn. She was the wife of James Kelvin Mullins and worked as a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Daniel Blackburn.

She is survived by four sons, Jason Holloway and Benjamin Holloway, both of

Prestonsburg, and Kelvin Carl Mullins and Anthony Chase Mullins, both of Hi Hat, one daughter, Tabitha Dyer, of Hi Hat; three brothers, Larry Blackburn, of Pike County, and Christopher Blackburn and Neakie Blackburn, both of Harold; seven sisters, Sabrina Case, of Pike County, Karis Blackburn, of Pikeville, Marsha Bailey, of Johnson County, Amber Hall, of Harold, Merritta Blackburn, of Michigan, Patrice Blackburn, of Betsy Layne, and Jennifer Blackburn, of Pike County; and five grandchildren.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tannie Hamilton

Tannie Hamilton, 57, of Harold, died Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at her residence.

She was born Jan. 6, 1954, to the late George and Liza Jane Tackett Gillespie. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ, at Harold. She was the wife of the late Tracy Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her brother and sister, Melvin Gillespie and Maudie Jane Gillespie.

She is survived by her son, Curtis Gillespie, of Harold; brothers and sisters, George Gillespie Jr., Jackie Gillespie, Frecl Gillespie, Josephine Hall, Marie Hall and Polly Music, all of Grethel, and Zella Howell, of McDowell; and grandchildren, Casey Lynn Chambers, Lacy Newsome, Darrin Gillespie and Melvin

Gillespie.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, at Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, at Grethel, with Red Lawson and Johnny Pugh officiating. Burial will follow the service at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel.

Nelson Frazier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Gaylord Garson Martin

Gaylord Garson Martin, age 65 of Langley, husband of Olive Duff Martin, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2011, at his residence.

He was born March 9, 1946, in Martin, the son of the late Garland and Nora Pratt Martin. He was a carpenter and attended the Brushy Fork Baptist Church.

Gaylord is survived by his wife, Olive; one son, Travis Braden Martin, of Martin; one daughter, Allison Rena Peppi, of Prestonsburg; one brother, Chalmer Martin, of Stanton; four sisters, Daphne Moore, of Langley, Glema Moore, of Langley, June Martin, of Eminence, and Daina Farvis of Eminence; and four grandchildren, Justin Adkins, Brittany Peppi, Lila Peppi, and Chelsea Adkins.

In addition to his parents, Gaylord was preceded in death by one brother, Tommy Martin, and one sister, Fonda Joan Duff.

Funeral services for Gaylord Garson Martin will be held at 1 p.m.,

Friday, Dec. 23, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Ollie Watts and Willie Duff officiating. Burial will follow in the Harry Lee Moore Cemetery, at Langley. Visitation will be held after 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Brenda Faye Scott Lawson

Brenda Faye Scott Lawson, age 69 of Eastern, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2011, at the Pikeville Medical Center, in Pikeville.

She was born Sept. 25, 1942, in Garrett, the daughter of the late Hawley and Effie Hicks Scott. She was the assistant manager of the Dollar General Store, member of Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church, and an Eastern Star.

She is survived by two sons, Brian Lawson of Canfield, Ohio, and Jeffrey (Sarah) Lawson, of Georgetown; one daughter, Kristie Lawson, of Eastern; four brothers, Ralph Scott, Thomas Scott and Herald Scott, all of Garrett; and David Scott, of Martin County; three sisters, Burette Moore, of Garrett, Shirley Jenkins, of Ohio, and Jonnell Martin, of Garrett; and five grandchildren, Robert Nicholas Lawson, Grace Delaney Lawson, Scott Jacob Lawson, William Wyatt Lawson and Christopher Dalton Bates.

In addition to her parents, Brenda was preceded in death by three brothers, James Scott, Keith Scott and Charles Scott, and two sisters, Betty Hopper and

Margie Sue Osborne.

Funeral services for Brenda Faye Scott Lawson will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 24, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Ministers officiating. Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel. Visitation will be held after 5 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Barbara Moore Marler

Barbara Moore Marler, 81, of Lexington, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at St Joseph Hospice Care Center.

She was born Dec. 5, 1930, to the late John W. and Dora Fitzpatrick Reed. She was the wife of the late Edsel Moore.

She is survived by one daughter, Kim (Bill) Honcoop, of Lexington; one son, James (Prescila) Moore, of Pasadena, Calif.; one granddaughter, Sarah Emily Moore, of Pasadena, Calif.; sisters, Donna Gibson, of Louisville, Billie Napier, of Hazard, Sylvia Kreser, of Pikeville, and Paula Gibson of Marion, Ohio.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 23, at Macphail Cemetery, with Pastor Rick Johnson officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations to Hospice of the Bluegrass, 2312 Alexander Dr. Lexington, KY 40504.

Herald and Stewart Home for Funerals is in charge of arrangements.

Ord selected for All-District Band

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

One Floyd County student will perform in a concert with students from 10 other counties, after being selected for all-district band.

Chelsea Ord, a saxophonist and senior at South Floyd High School, was selected for 2012 All District Band.

"We are happy to see Chelsea's gift of music and her dedication to her craft recognized at this level," said Floyd County Supt. Henry Webb. "The All-District Band consists of students from 10 counties who audition for these spots Chelsea Ord and her accomplishment is another example of Floyd County students and schools

striving for and achieving excellence."

According to Webb, the All-District Band concert will be held Jan. 15, at the Kamada Inn in Paintsville. He invites everyone to come the concert and support Chelsea.

All-District Band is orchestrated by the Kentucky Music Education Association (KMEA).

According to KMEA, their stated mission is shall be to advance the cause of music education throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky by encouraging the study and making of music by all of the population and by serving as a strong advocate for issues affecting the accomplishment of that mission.

RENTAL CENTRAL

Tom Doty
Times Columnist

Christmas week usually means scant rentals, but this week actually saw three decent "under the radar" flicks hit the shelves, alongside one colossal dud.

"Burke and Hare"

This one didn't come to theaters and what a shame, as it amounts to the best John Landis flick in over a decade. He eschews special effects here to tell the true story of two men who made their living as grave robbers. The real criminal turns out to be the medical school professors who need fresh corpses for their classrooms. These guys got a little mental when they hear the King is coming to Edinburgh to determine which school will get a grant. Landis succeeds in balancing comedy and drama here. He gets an assist from some perfect casting too. Simon Pegg and Andy Serkis ("King Kong") play the titular roles and are quite good. There is also a hilarious turn by Tim Curry as a stuffy surgeon obsessed with feet.

"The Tempest" — Shakespeare's famous drama gets a sex change to accommodate Helen Mirren in the lead role of Prospero (now christened "Prospera"). She is as good as you'd expect and they keep the bard's language as well. The cast includes a "Who's Who" of American and British talent: Tom Conti, Chris Cooper and Alfred Molina stand out.

"Margin Call" — Twenty-four hours at an investment bank may sound boring, but this drama is actually spellbinding. It follows one long day at a bank, when the firm learns that our financial crisis is about to hit. The decisions that follow are agonizing, as the staff copes with whether or not to defraud customers in order to get away with something in their pensions. The cast is letter perfect and includes heavyweights like Kevin Spacey, Jeremy Irons, Stanley Tucci and Simon Baker.

"Straw Dogs" — Hollywood's endless quest to remake the 1970s should come to a crashing halt with this insipid remake of Sam Peckinpah's masterpiece. James Marsden stars as a tightly wound husband who ignores his wife while obsessing over his work, until a violent act forces him to confront the animal in himself. There, I saved you the trouble of having to waste 90 minutes. Rent the original.

Next week brings a post-yuletide swarm of horror with "Final Destination 5" and "Hostel 3."

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Rogers Scholars Ambassadors give gifts to needy

Jack Latta
Staff Writer

The Center for Rural Development got into the Christmas spirit this week as Ambassadors from the Rogers Scholar program helped purchase gifts for needy children.

According to The Center, Rogers Scholars Ambassadors purchase Christmas gifts for children in need as part of their community service project.

Lonnie Lawson, president and CEO of The Center for Rural Development, and Emily Phillips, youth programs coordinator and

community liaison for The Center, joined several Rogers Scholars Ambassadors to help purchase the gifts.

Rogers Scholar participants included Kathryn Crawford, of Science Hill; Meredith Thompson, of Tompkinsville; Sarah Crawford, of Science Hill; Faith Call, of Somerset; Jon Preneta, of Nicholasville; Wayne Logan, of Corbin; Dillon Staples, of Monticello, and Tera Addis, of McDowell.

As part of their community service project, Rogers Scholars Ambassadors—all graduates of The Center's Rogers Scholars summer youth leadership program—

purchased gifts for children whose names were on Somerset Wal-Mart's Angel Tree.

The Rogers Scholars program was developed and initiated by The Center for Rural Development in 1998 to address, and reverse, the high level of out migration suffered by our rural service area.

The program, whose namesake is Congressman Hal Rogers, is designed to help The Center move toward its vision that no young person should have to leave their home region to fund their future — they can find it right here in Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

Writing

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College- and retired teachers Thelma Spears, Willie Elliott, Nadine Hicks, Pauline Allen, Mary Franklin, and Linda Chaffins.

The judges awarded a "Silver Salute" to May Valley Elementary School based upon the quality of writing, the variety of prompts, and the adherence to the 40-second time frame. John Carroll presented the Silver Salute to Mrs. Jamie Lawson, school coordinator. This is the second time May Valley Elementary has won a Silver Salute.

Every year, McDonald's presents All American Meals to the 12 school winners and shirts for the county winners. 200 students received certificates and keepsake books to recognize their achievement. The school district and a special gift from the Floyd County Education Association provided 32 county winners with Silver Packages, an Appalachian Christmas story written by Cynthia Klyant, Ms. Rhonda Blanton, teacher at John M. Stumbo read Silver Packages to the audience of over 400 parents, grandparents, students, and guests who attended the district reception and celebration event.

The celebration also had "Ranger" Rick Caudill finding 10 children who were willing to try out as Santa "Want-a-be's." Caudill led the children as they gave their best "Ho! Ho! Ho!" Each child received a red, Santa hat and a 2 liter bottle of Pepsi or Coca Cola.

At the end of the program, children lined up to sit on Santa's lap, to whisper in his ear, and to have photos taken



Local student winners of the Christmas through the Eyes of a Child program were recognized for their efforts with a visit from Santa Claus.

with him. Santa's visit was sponsored by Dr. Chip Salyers and his staff at the Commonwealth Chiropractic Center in Prestonsburg.

Christmas Through the Eyes of a Child began through the efforts of Dr. Patricia C. Watson, who coordinates the program for the school district and who works along with corporate partners and school coordinators.

"I wanted to give back to the community through the voices of our children, and WMEJ and McDonald's are fabulous partners," said Watson.

Original radio partners, Dale McKinney, Mona Dingus, Rick Caudill, Bill Marshall, Sandy Howell and McDonald's partners, Tom and Bob Hutchinson, Lora Suttles, Charles Everidge, Cindy Wiley, Marsha Meade, Carolyn Cochran, have added ideas to improve the program throughout the years.

In addition to the work of Dr. Patricia C. Watson, Mrs. Nadine H. Hicks was coordinator of the program for six years. Ms. Sarah Allen Joseph has played the piano for all 14 years of the celebration events. School coordinators for this program include: Mrs. Stephanie Marsillett, Adams Middle; Ms. Kayla Moore, Allen Central High; Mrs. Angela Coleman-Mullins, Mrs. Rhonda Blanton, John M. Stumbo Middle; Mrs. Lisa Childers,

Allen Elementary; Mrs. Sandy Akers, Betsy Layne Elementary; Ms. Leighann Tuttle, Betsy Layne High; Mrs. Melanie Turner, Duff Elementary; Mrs. Jamie Lawson, May Valley Elementary; Mrs. Rachel Crider, McDowell Elementary; Mrs. Lisa Akers, Osborne Elementary; Mrs. Betty Minix, Prestonsburg Elementary; Mrs. Anita Stumbo, Prestonsburg High; Ms. Sherry Ward, South Floyd High; Mrs. Ebony Doderer, South Floyd Middle; and Ms. Rhonda Blanton, John M. Stumbo Elementary.

Additional persons who took part in the program were Jeff Stumbo, Chairman of the Floyd County Board of Education; Sherry Robinson, Member of the Floyd County Board of Education; Anna Shepherd, Director of Pre-School and Headstart; Vicki Pack, Floyd County Education Association; Maggie Hall, Floyd County Schools; Missy Nelson, Floyd County Schools; Brennon Newsome, Professional Video Productions; Dan Kissick, printing, Mt. Advocate Media; Mountain Comprehensive Greenhouse of Prestonsburg; Ty Lindon and Staff at Jenny Wiley State Park, and Dr. Chip Salyers and Staff at the Commonwealth Chiropractic Center who sponsored Santa's trip from the North Pole.

UPIKE

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ignored for so long ..." Stumbo said. "We have some opportunities [in higher education], at Prestonsburg, for example, but they're not as far-reaching as they need to be."

After the proposal came to light, there was some opposition, most notably from Morehead State University President Wayne Andrews.

"Before the state buys another institution of higher education, there needs to be a serious independent study that examines many questions," Andrews told the Louisville Courier-Journal. "I don't think it ought to automatically be put in any particular place in response to a sudden proposal. And there are many other questions.

How will this be funded? And how will it impact other state institutions of higher education?"

But Stumbo countered that the UPIKE proposal is the state's best chance to be able to afford another public institution, in an area where it is needed. He pointed to educational statistics in the region, which he said are three times lower than other areas of the state.

"I don't need a study, as Dr. Andrew suggests," Stumbo said. "If his concern is that his service area would be diminished by making Pikeville a state school, it is obvious in looking at the statistics that they're not performing the mission that needs to be performed."

Stumbo said the deal makes

financial sense for Kentucky, because UPIKE is offering to transfer \$200 million in assets to the state, and is only asking for \$10 million a year in state funding in an effort increase enrollment.

Former Gov. Paul Patton, who now serves as president of Pikeville, has reportedly expressed a desire to see the deal finalized in the upcoming legislative session, which begins next month.

Stumbo said he, too, is "hopeful" that the deal can be finalized during the session. He said legislative staffers have been working the last 30 days on bill, which he plans to co-sponsor. He said Rep. Leslie Combs (D-Pikeville) would likely be the primary sponsor of the bill.



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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

A liberal is a man who is right most of the time, but he's right too soon.

— Gregory Nunn

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Our View 'Tis the season?

This year, like many past years, local law enforcement agencies engaged in what has become somewhat of a holiday tradition, by staging a drug roundup in the days before Christmas. We're not quite sure what to make of that.

Most of those arrested face charges of drug trafficking, generally involving prescription painkillers. And while it's a safe bet that at least some of those charged will ultimately be found guilty, we're not altogether certain that a Yuletide drug roundup should be a routine affair.

We can't help but consider the many innocent victims affected by these drug busts. In particular, we can't help but think of the children of the accused, who may very well wake up Christmas morning in foster care.

Certainly, those who are guilty of such crimes and should pay the penalty, no matter the time of year. We certainly don't advocate that police should look the other way, just because the holidays are approaching. If someone is making an illicit living, trafficking in the illness of others, he or she should pay the price.

But we've never really been a big fan of the whole drug roundup dog-and-pony show, in the first place. It's a public relations stunt, pure and simple, and it supplants good police work with showmanship.

Whenever these events

take place, one of the first things we hear is how the roundup is the result of a six-month or nine-month or one-year investigation, during which numerous drug busts were made. We think taxpayers should find that troubling.

Certainly, some of the offenders were known to police early in the investigation. Some of the undercover buys were undoubtedly made in the first few weeks or months of the investigation. Why, then, allow those people to remain free for months longer? Simply so police can find a dozen more suspects, so they can make a big splash on front pages and the 6 o'clock news, when they finally arrest somebody? Doesn't the drug-roundup mentality actually allow many of these pill-pushers to remain on the streets even longer?

Then, to postpone these PR stunts until a time when they will cause the most damage to the innocent families of the perpetrators ... well, we have a hard time stomaching that.

We know that hard-nosed law enforcement is one necessary step to fighting the drug problem we have in Eastern Kentucky, and we support the officers who are doing their jobs. But we cannot support obvious PR stunts, particularly when they are designed to maximize the suffering of the innocent.

— The Floyd County Times



Beyond the Beltway

At peace with Christmas

Donald Kaul
OtherWords

It's now officially too late to do your Christmas shopping early.

That's OK. Doing your Christmas shopping late counts, too. Remember, it's not the thought behind the gift that counts; it's what you spend on it.

Oh, I imagine you Xmasologists out there are offended by such crass materialism. You say that Christmas should be all about the birth of Christ and we should walk around looking pious.

I say that's nonsense. Historically, you could even argue that the ultra-religious Christmas is un-American. The Pilgrims certainly thought so.

Like the English Parliament of that time, they considered the holiday a "popish" festival that lacked any "Biblical justification." As a matter of fact, Christmas was banned in Boston for a time in the 1600s, as though it were a dirty book.

I happen to be an expert on secular Christmas. I was born on Christmas Day into a family of non-believers and grew up thinking that they decorated the lampposts in downtown Detroit in my honor. Imagine my shock when I discovered that somebody had gotten there before me.

I never held it against Him, however,

which is why I've never participated in the Christmas wars that swirl around the holiday every year. Non-Christians, many of them claiming to be liberals, rail against the placing of Nativity scenes in public places or the singing of carols in schools. They go to court to block such activities, arguing that they violate the separation of church and state guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Picky, picky, picky. I tend to side with the religionists in these matters. I doubt whether the founding fathers had Christmas decorations in mind when they created the church-state separation. Christmas simply wasn't that big a deal in those days.

As a matter of fact, one of George Washington's great military victories — his 1777 defeat of a Hessian mercenary force in what became known as the Battle of Trenton — came the day after Christmas. Taking advantage of the fact that the German troops took Christmas more seriously than Americans and would be celebrating, he seized the opportunity to rout them as they recovered from their feast.

I wonder if Richard Nixon knew he was following in the footsteps of that George W. when he ordered the Christmas bombing of North Vietnam in 1972?

The dating of Christ's birth is arbitrary, in any case. There's virtually no evidence that Dec. 25 is the actual birth date of Jesus of Nazareth. (The New Testament, for example, makes no mention of a date.) It's more likely that the 25th was chosen because

it coincides with the Roman winter solstice, the day when winter begins to recede and the full light of day begins its return journey.

In other words, it's a festival of lights, and that's the way I choose to celebrate it. If some choose to celebrate something else, so be it.

My Christmas is essentially the Christmas of Charles Dickens. It's a Christmas of family, goodwill, compassion, and presents — lots of presents. Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," written in 1843, is credited with reviving the holiday in the English-speaking world. It co-exists happily with the Christmas of Christians, who are free to buy each other presents or not.

Some of those Christians complain about the presents. The holiday has become too commercial, they say.

Perhaps. But a Dickens Christmas, marked by wretched excess though it sometimes can be, is also about giving and sharing — qualities that are often in short supply the rest of the year. Besides, the economy would collapse if people stopped buying things for Christmas.

The only thing I really don't like about the holiday is "The Little Drummer Boy." It's the musical equivalent of waterboarding.

Anyway, have a happy holiday, whatever you choose to call it, and do not and buy something. What you call credit card debt is what some other person calls a job.

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The Usual Eccentric

The Purse Pinata and the Great Candy Caper

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Christine's freakishly large zebra handbag, purchased by yours truly, rattled and nearly erupted like a volcano with the gas station candy that we'd intuitively purchased in spades prior to the start of the movie premiere.

I mean, this was like the "Bonnie and Clyde" version of sneaking candy into the movies. We had even thought out an escape plan beforehand. We promised each other that if it came right down to it, we'd go down in a hail of gunfire. We didn't bring our guns — we left them at home — so we figured we would just spit Good and Plenty pieces out of our mouths like Pez-dispensing firearms.

Granted, spitting candy at strangers is not entirely effective, but it is quite distracting in a pinch, and I speak from experience.

In the interest of full disclosure, we were standing in line to watch — uttered in a very emasculating tone — the latest "Twilight" movie. Yes, aside from seven pounds of sugary confections jammed into her enormous zebra purse, so too were my man parts.

As the boyfriend of a lass, in the 12- to 35-year-old movie demographic range, I expect these sorts of sticky situations, and Lord only knows I have dinged her to more than enough dank, forgotten arenas for wrestling shows.

But if you ask me, I think it is

selfish of Christine. Or perhaps I feel that way because I have watched all of those movies (repeatedly), and I could tell you everything you would want to know about the unraveling love triangle between vampire Edward, werewolf Jacob and harlot Bella.

I hate waiting in lines. Well, I hate waiting period, but I hate waiting in lines especially. And I wasn't even waiting in line for something I wanted, either. It felt like waiting in line to see the dentist, which I knew I would be doing shortly, given the amount of candy in Christine's carryall.

We even had beverages inside the purse. In a moment of pure genius, Christine said that it was best to open them before we went into the theater. That way, she explained, the telltale "psht" of turning a soda pop cap wouldn't alert the ushers once we found our seats inside.

Now Christine was holding the purse — trying to, with both hands — and doing her level best to conceal the cornucopia of tasty confections shoehorned therein from the fake movie theater security goons trolling the popcorn-littered aisles with a false sense of authority. These guys had to be getting paid at least minimum wage to hunt down public displays of affection; loafers; and smugged Gopsters, Junior Mints and Sugar Babies (and presumably Sugar Daddies as well). These morons had uniforms and everything; it was really cute. I will probably go as one of them for Halloween next year.

We weren't alone in our candy endeavors. This was a double date, of sorts, as Christine's friends, Amanda and Tony, were accompanying

us. The four of us had dinner at Applebee's — I ate only half of my bacon cheddar burger — before arriving at the movie theatre. (Yeah, I used the European "theatre" to give you the impression of sophistication on my part.)

That's when Christine turned to me and said she needed to use the restroom with Amanda.

"Well, be careful with that thing while you're in there," I said, referring to her unstable, candy-filled purse. "If the goon squad becomes wise to our ruse, I'll spell disaster for the movie, chipmunk."

She smiled, or maybe it was because she was straining so hard, and tirelessly said the following words: "Can you hold this?"

Now, that's a pretty awesome question given the occasion. If Canadian television actor, songwriter and game show host Alan Thicke asked me to hold onto something for him, I would be happy to oblige. Of course, that's terrible advice to take if O.J. Simpson is the one asking you.

As I was holding this nicely camouflaged pinata, the contents inside kept jangling around to the unmistakable sound of contraband candy.

That's when it dawned on me: This is the life of a drug mule.

But I knew that as soon as the opening credits rolled, I would be settling my score with the remains of my bacon cheddar burger, which also was a secret stowaway in the purse.

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Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor Curt Howard.

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Old Time Holiness, 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Martin; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Friday, 7 p.m.; John W. Patton, Minister.

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Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Pico Food Service building, located 1 quarter mile above WorldWide Egl. on Rt. 1428, Sun. Bible Study, 10 a.m.; Sun. Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sun. Evening, 6:30 p.m. Kenny Vanderpool, Pastor.

International Pentecostal Holiness Church, 10974 N. Main St., Martin; Rev. Ellis J. Stevens, Senior Pastor.

Rising Sun Ministries, 114 Rising Sun Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Sunday, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor D.P. Cury.

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Polar Express



On Friday, December 16th, students from Wesley Christian School took a ride on the Polar Express, with Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin serving as engineer. Their journey started at Wesley Christian School, then down the street to the home of Dr. Lee Boyd and his wife Sabrina, who served hot chocolate and cookies to all of her guests. The Polar Express story of was read by the school librarian, Mrs. Ami Lakin, then students returned to the school to enjoy the movie together. A special thanks to Mayor Fannin, Dr. & Mrs. Lee Boyd, and Mrs. Ami Lakin for providing this exciting day for the students.

Advocates renew push for statewide smoke ban

FRANKFORT - Health advocates in Kentucky believe a statewide smoking ban is part of the answer to improving the state's national rankings in helping smokers kick the habit.

The American Lung Association (ALA) says in a new report that Kentucky lags behind a number of other states in providing smoking cessation and treatment programs.

Betsy Berns Janes,

director of advocacy for the ALA of Kentucky, thinks education efforts and constituent feedback to lawmakers about the benefits of a statewide smoke-free law for indoor public places are making headway.

"So, the real challenge, I think, is going to be to pass a strong bill that protects all workers in all places, without exception," Jodi Mitchell, executive director of Kentucky Voices for Health, wants the state to become "quit-friendly."

which companies will cover which drugs and counseling services for Medicaid recipients.

"So it's important that unrestricted access be provided to the seven medications and three types of counseling services - and I want to emphasize medications and counseling - recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service."

State Representative Susan Westrom, a Lexington Democrat, plans to file a bill in the upcoming session to ban smoking in indoor public places. More than 30 local communities across Kentucky have smoke-free laws, 20 of which resemble what health advocates want to see on the state level.

Smoking-related illnesses claim the lives of 8,000 Kentuckians and cost the Medicaid program about \$500 million a year.

The full report is at www.lungusa.org

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Blackburn runs 10th in ARCA testing session, Bowman paces field



Steve Blackburn

Times Staff Report

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Saturday's afternoon session of open testing at Daytona International Speedway welcomed drafting for the first time, and two-time ARCA Racing Series presented by Menards race

winner Alex Bowman gave Venturini Motorsports the top-of the board for another day. The testing session also featured an Eastern Kentucky driver in the Top 10. Bowman, driving Venturini's No. 25 Chevrolet, finished his best lap in

47.787 seconds (188.336 mph), topping teammates John Stancill, Brennan Poole, and Ryan Reed, and Tony Marks Racing's Jared Marks. Milka Duno, who led the morning session with the weekend's top single-car run, finished sixth in

the afternoon, ahead of Nelson Canache. Drew Charlson, Matt Lofton, and Prestonsburg-based driver Steve Blackburn filled out the top 10. Seven-time and defending Daytona winner Bobby Gerhart ended the afternoon 22nd, just ahead of 2011

runner-up and ARCA Rookie of the Year Chris Buescher (27th) and nine-time ARCA champion Frank Kimmel (28th). Kimmel's work Saturday represented his first on-track ARCA action for ThorSport Racing.

See RACE | B3

Johnson Central holds off host Allen Central

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Recent University of Pikeville signee Kasi Watson drained four 3-point field goals and visiting Johnson Central withstood a late Allen Central rally to win 69-59 Monday night at J.E. Campbell Arena.

Battling back late, Allen Central outscored Johnson Central 30-13 in the final quarter.

Allen Central dropped its third straight game, slipping to 3-3.

Johnson Central improved to 3-4 after posting the win.

Watson was one of three Johnson Central scorers to reach double figures. Fellow senior guard Maggie Young scored 11 points and Montana Blair chipped in 10 for the Lady Eagles.

Narrowly missing double figures, freshman Rachelie Fairchild added nine points for Johnson Central in the winning effort.

Johnson Central started strong, outscoring Allen Central 20-11 in the opening quarter. The Lady Eagles, after doubling up Allen Central 16-3 in the second quarter, led 39-19 at intermission.

Ten different Johnson Central players dented the scoring column. Other scorers for the Lady Eagles were former Allen Central Middle School standout Amber Shepherd (five points), Chelsea Taylor (four points), Samantha Hall (four points), Rachel Hall (four points), Johnna Little (two points) and Jayla Spurlock (two points).

The Lady Eagles carried a 56-29 lead out of the third quarter.

Excelling late, Allen Central ended the contest on the 30-13 run.

Sophomore guard Sarah Rife paced Allen Central with a game-high 23 points. Rife was one of two Allen Central scorers to reach double figures. Junior guard Hannah MacElhose added 19 points for the Lady Rebels.

Krista Parsons and Brooklyn Martin chipped in six points apiece for Allen Central in the setback.

DeShea Elliott netted four points and Elizabeth Prater converted on a free throw attempt for the Lady Rebels in the loss.

Both teams were 18-of-27 from the free throw line.

Allen Central will visit Betsy Layne tonight for a 58th District/Floyd County Conference game.

FLOYD COUNTY CHAMPION



Betsy Layne Elementary School captured the Floyd County K-5 boys' basketball championship recently.

Lady Blackcats turn back South Floyd

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats notched their first win in a key 58th District/Floyd County Conference meeting Friday. Defending its home gym floor at the Fieldhouse, Prestonsburg defeated visiting South Floyd 46-43.

Prestonsburg, under the direction of head coach Jackie Day Crisp, shot 42.9 percent (19-of-45) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were 6-of-15 from 3-point range.

Prestonsburg won despite shooting only 22.2 percent (2-of-9) from the free throw line.

Senior guard Kristian Waugh paced Prestonsburg with a team-high 15 points.

Cassie Burchett, a senior center, added 14 points and 11 rebounds for the Lady Blackcats, who won for the first time in five outings.

Another senior, Catie Burchett, followed with 12 points and eight rebounds for Prestonsburg in the district/conference victory.

Caitlin Kidd and Tiffany Meadows rounded out the Prestonsburg scoring with three and two points, respectively. South Floyd (3-4) dropped back into the loss column after posting back-to-back wins.

Struggling offensively, South Floyd shot just 26.6 percent from the field.

The Lady Raiders were 17-of-64 from the field, including a 3-of-24 showing from 3-point range.

South Floyd shot 60 percent (6-of-10) from the free throw line.

The Lady Raiders, however, outrebounced Prestonsburg 38-31 in the loss.

Ashley Castle led South Floyd with a game-high 22 points.

Gabby Bailey added a double-double for the Lady Raiders, scoring 11 points and securing 11 rebounds.

South Floyd standout Kiana Hall was held to four points in the loss.

Prestonsburg is slated to visit Raider Arena for a rematch with South Floyd Feb. 3.

But before then, Prestonsburg will meet South Floyd on Jan. 7 in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at the East Kentucky Expo Center in downtown Pikeville.

Raiders fall to Elliott County in Derby Classic

STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

RACELAND — Hot-shooting Elliott County thrived from 3-point range Wednesday afternoon in a tournament matchup versus South Floyd. The Lions broke a Derby Classic record with 16 three-pointers, defeating 58th District member South Floyd 72-40.

Elliott County evened its record to 5-5 after notching the win.

South Floyd dropped to 2-8 following the loss.

Logan Nickell nailed four 3-pointers to pace Elliott County with a game-high 20 points. Jesse Flanery led Elliott County from long-range, draining six 3-point field goals. Flanery matched the Derby Classic's individual 3-point mark, adding 18 points for the Lions.

Seven different Elliott County players connected from behind the arc.

Betsy Layne set the former Derby Classic record for 3-point field goals made (11) during the 2008-09 season.

Elliott County set the tone in the opening quarter, outscoring South Floyd 21-11. The Lions led 35-22 at intermission.

Former multi-time 16th Region champion Elliott County picked back up where it had left off in the second half, outscoring South Floyd 20-13.

The Lions went on to finish strong, outscoring South Floyd 17-5 in the final quarter.

Senior guard Brandon Marson paced South Floyd (2-8) with 13 points.

Marson was the only South Floyd scorer to reach double figures. Sophomores Austin Bailey and Michael Martin followed Marson, adding seven points apiece for the Raiders.

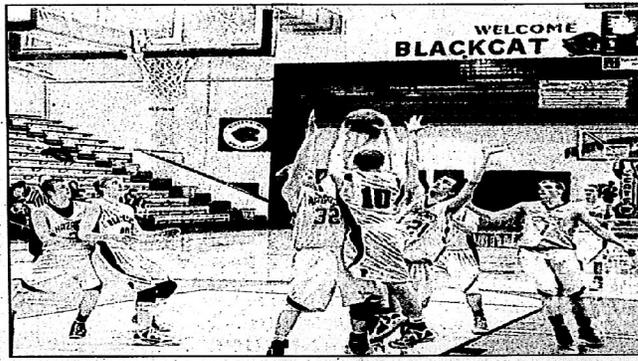
Another sophomore, forward Tyler Daniels, added six points for South Floyd in the tournament setback.

South Floyd suffered its third loss in the Raceland-hosted holiday tournament. Sheldon Clark and Raceland both scored to reach wins over South Floyd earlier in the tournament.

ELLIOTT COUNTY 72, SOUTH FLOYD 40

(South Floyd (40): Daniels 6, Bailey 7, Rhea 2, Marson 13, Sallsberry 1, Crager 3, Martin 7, Vance 2, Elliott County (72): Nickell 20, Flanery 18, J. Griffith 3, Holbrook 3, Elliott 2, L. Griffith 3, R. Griffith 5, Greene 6, Fraley 12, South Floyd.....11 11 13 5-40 Elliott County.....21 14 20 17-72

Prestonsburg-Hazard Boys Basketball



Prestonsburg junior guard Bryson Williams (10) pushed the ball back outside during Wednesday night's home game versus Hazard. Visiting Hazard defeated the Blackcats 68-47.

Allen Central drops road games to South Floyd, Pikeville

STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - South Floyd's starting five accounted for all but two points Friday night as the Lady Raiders defeated Allen Central 74-58 for a 58th District/Floyd County Conference win. South Floyd drained eight 3-point field goals en route to the district win. The Lady Raiders were 8-of-19 from 3-point range. Ashley Castle paced South Floyd with a game-high 22 points. Following

closely behind Castle in the South Floyd scoring column, Kianna Hall contributed 21 points. Gabby Bailey joined Castle and Hall in double figures, adding 15 points for the Lady Raiders. South Floyd used a 22-3 run in the third quarter to break open a close game. The game was tied 15-15 at the end of the opening quarter and South Floyd took a hard-fought 35-31 lead into halftime. South Floyd shot 38.6 percent from the field. The

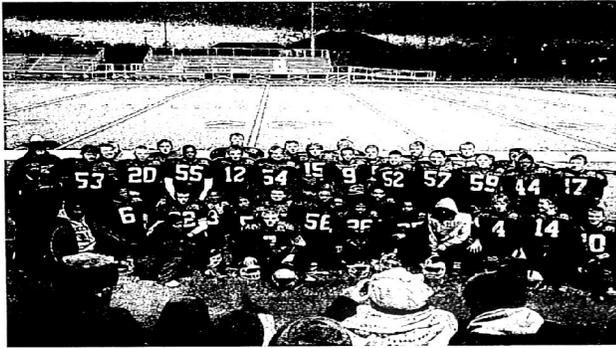
Lady Raiders were 22-of-35 from the free throw line. Brandi Stumbo scored six points and Branda Hamby added two for the Lady Raiders. Hannah MacElhose led Allen Central with 17 points. Alyssa Moore scored 14 points and Sarah Ride added 13 for the Lady Rebels. Brooklyn Martin scored six points for Allen Central on a pair of 3-point field goals in the fourth quarter. Krista Parsons and DeShea Elliott rounded out

the Allen Central scoring with four points apiece. Allen Central is scheduled to host South Floyd on Jan. 27. Pikeville 65, Allen Central 49: Rachel Potter poured in a game-high 29 points and Lindsay Inser added 11 to lift host Pikeville to a convincing 65-49 win over Allen Central Saturday. Potter was 8-of-10 from the free throw line in the non-district matchup. Pikeville won after facing a two-point deficit at the half.

The two teams were deadlocked 17-17 at the conclusion of the opening quarter and Allen Central led 30-28 at intermission. Enjoying a turnaround, Pikeville led 48-43 at the end of the third quarter, finishing the contest on a 17-6 run. Aeliah Bartley netted nine points and Amber Sexton added eight for the Lady Panthers. In other Pikeville individual scoring, Sara Biery and Emma Looney added six and two points,

respectively. Hannah MacElhose paced Allen Central with 20 points. Sarah Rife accompanied MacElhose in double figures, adding 15 points for the Lady Rebels. Four other Allen Central players contributed scoring in the short effort. Other scorers for the Lady Rebels were DeShea Elliott (five points), Krista Parsons (four points), Alyssa Moore (three points) and Brooklyn Martin (one point).

Headed To The Alamodome



The Kentucky Eighth Grade Team has advanced in the Football University National Championship tournament. Over the weekend, Kentucky edged Missouri 22-20. Kentucky will face C. Florida at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas in early January. Adams Middle School standout Dalton Frasure plays for the Kentucky team along with Paintsville's Kash Daniel and Jonathan Lemaster.

High school bowling showing considerable growth in first year

Times Staff Reports

LEXINGTON - Bowling might be in its infancy as a KHSAA-sanctioned sport but its growth has been measured by much more than baby steps. In its first year as a KHSAA championship sanctioned sport, 80 schools are fielding squads this year. This total is up from 54 schools when it was offered as a non-sanctioned club sport. Bowling, classified as a winter sport with a season

that began the week of Nov. 28, will crown its first state champions at the Ebonite/KHSAA State Bowling Championships on the weekend of March 23-24 at Executive Bowl in Louisville. It did not take the sport long to record its first individual record as Fern Creek's Jolo Miller bowled the first 300 in a KHSAA-sanctioned match on Thursday against Bullitt Central at AMF Derby Lanes in Louisville. "Once we conducted our

triennial survey of schools and saw the interest for bowling we knew many schools would really take the ball and run with it," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "Frankly, if someone had asked me if we would have 80 schools participating in year one I would have thought that might be a little too optimistic but it shows just how much our schools and student-athletes are craving participation and healthy competition."

Lady Blackcats edge Belfry for second straight win

STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY - The Lady Blackcats claimed their second straight win Monday night, edging host Belfry 37-36. Both 15th Region girls' basketball teams carried a 2-4 record out of the early-season matchup. Prestonsburg shot 41.2 percent (14-of-34) from the field. The Lady Blackcats survived an 8-of-20 shooting performance

from the free throw line. Junior guard Caitlin Kidd led a balanced Prestonsburg offensive effort with nine points. Seniors also stepped up big for the Lady Blackcats as Katie Burchett contributed eight points and Cassie Burchett and Kristian Waugh chipped in seven apiece as part of Prestonsburg's scoring attack. Kidd connected on Prestonsburg's only successful 3-point field goal attempt. The Lady

Blackcats were 1-of-10 from beyond the arc. Kayla Rose added five points and Allison Burchett added one for Prestonsburg in the road game. Katie Burchett led Prestonsburg on the boards, grabbing a game-high 12 rebounds for the Lady Blackcats. Helping Prestonsburg on the glass, Cassie Burchett and Kate Rose added four rebounds apiece. Prestonsburg is slated to host Belfry on Jan. 28.

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Bears fall to top-ranked OCU

Times Staff Reports

LAS VEGAS - No. 1 Oklahoma City University had little trouble remaining unbeaten on Monday evening, opening the Trip Sports Las Vegas Shootout with a 97-39 win over the University of Pikeville. Oklahoma City (9-0) used its full-court press, which it employed most of the game, to force 34 turnovers and put four

players in double figures in the win. Pikeville, on the other hand, had no players reach double figures in the scoring column and struggled shooting the basketball all evening. Pikeville (4-8), which started three freshmen and played four others against the nation's top-ranked team, made only 25.5 percent of its shots. The Stars, however, shot 52 percent in the win and won the rebounding battle 47-36. Pikeville was led in both scoring and rebounding by sophomore Brogan Conley,

who had nine points and seven rebounds in the game. Freshman Nicole Lyons followed with six points and added a pair of steals. Freshmen Whitney Belle Jackson and Kayla Smith, teammates at Clay County High School a year ago, each had five points and six rebounds. OCU was led by sophomore Kayla MacKenzie with 17 points off the bench. Senior Taylor Booze followed with 15 on 3-of-4 shooting from the arc. Junior Lauren Gober scored 12 while senior Emily Davis added 10.

Hayes named KIAC Player of the Week

Times Staff Reports

PIPPA PASSES - Alice Lloyd College senior Brandon Hayes was named the KIAC men's basketball player of the week by conference officials on Monday (Dec. 19). Alice Lloyd College won its only contest last

week. The Eagles defeated Milligan College on the road 69-68. Hayes scored on an offensive put back with 0.6 seconds remaining in the game. The senior forward ended the game with 15 points, 6-rebounds and 4 assists. He made 70 percent of his field goal attempts (7-of-10). Hayes is averaging 10 points and 7.8 rebounds thus far this season. Alice Lloyd picked up a vote in the latest NAIA Division II men's basketball poll. The Eagles are currently 8-4 overall and will return to action on December 29 when they host Webber International.

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Pikeville's comeback falls short vs. Viterbo

Times Staff Reports

LAS VEGAS - A furious comeback that tied the game with 7:11 took all the gas out of the University of Pikeville on Wednesday afternoon as it fell short of Viterbo (Wis.) University 75-69 in the Trip Sports Las Vegas Hoopla.

Pikeville (4-9) trailed by as many as 15 in the first half but cut the V-Hawk lead to five by the half. The Bears led briefly on three occasions in the second half before running out of steam down the stretch.

Viterbo (5-8) ripped the nets for 50 percent first-half shooting and sank eight three-point shots before the half to stretch its lead. UPIKE, however, made 55.6 percent of its shots before halftime yet trailed in the game because it missed both free-throw tries and was only 5-of-9 from the line.

Pikeville trailed 7-2 early before freshman Brooke Coleman came in and scored on back-to-back trips, including a three-point play to start things and tied the game with 16:17 left.

But the V-Hawks went on a 13-0 run, hitting three three-point shots, and when junior Dani Templin sank her first with 10:17 left, it was 20-7.

The lead grew to 24-9 only 1 1/2 minutes later. But Pikeville got solid play from freshman Whitney Belle Jackson, who had four straight points, and sophomore Kayla Stamper scored six straight Bear points to cut the lead to 10.

Pikeville closed the half with a 12-5 run, and when freshman Christin Haney scored at the horn, the

Bears were within five at 40-35.

Jackson opened the second half with consecutive baskets and when sophomore Brogan Conley scored with 16 minutes left the game was tied at 41 for the first time since 7-11.

Two minutes later, Stamper scored on a putback and then found Conley for a layup to put the Bears in front 46-43, which would prove to be the biggest lead of the game.

The game was tied at 50, 52 and then at 56 with 7:11 left on a basket by freshman Kayla Smith. But the V-Hawks then scored eight straight to start a 12-1 run, getting half their points from junior Sami Weaver, whose layup with 2:17 left made it 68-57. Pikeville would get no closer than the six-point spread at the end.

Five Bears scored in double figures, led by Haney's 13. Conley, Stamper and freshman Sydney Wainscott had 11 markers apiece. Conley led the team with six rebounds, Wainscott paced the club with four assists and three steals and Stamper was a perfect 5-of-5 from the floor.

Jackson added 10 points. Viterbo was led by junior Brooke Anderson's 16 points. Templin added a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Weaver came off the bench for 12.

The Bears shot 50.9 percent overall but sank only 1-of-6 three-point tries and was a mere 12-of-22 from the line.

Pikeville will be back in action on Dec. 28-29 when it plays in a classic at Union College in Barbourville.

Race

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The full list of afternoon test speeds follows.

DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY TEST

- Saturday, Dec. 17
- NO DRIVER MFG TIME SPEED
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- 2 55 John Stancill Toyota 47.811 188.241
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- 4 15 Ryan Reed Toyota 47.821 188.202
- 5 12 Jared Marks Dodge 47.832 188.159
- 6 63 Milka Duno Ford 48.166 186.854
- 7 35 Nelson Canache Chevy 48.212 186.676
- 8 51 Drew Charlson Chevy 48.221 186.541
- 9 16 Matt Lofton Chevy 48.234 186.590
- 10 94 Steve Blackburn Chevy 48.245 186.548
- 11 69a Fain Skinner Ford 48.251 186.525
- 12 99 Buster Graham Ford 48.279 186.416
- 13 58 Chad Hackenbrach Chevy 48.340 186.181
- 14 32 Chris Windom Toyota 48.380 186.027
- 15 4 Brandon McReynolds Chevy 48.391 185.985
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- 17 6 Cale Gale Chevy 48.803 184.415
- 18 12a Maryeve Daulton Dodge 48.803 184.415
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- 20 58 Will Kimmel Ford 48.935 183.917
- 21 11a Willi Owens Ford 48.953 183.850
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- 23 82a Sean Corr Ford 49.238 182.786
- 24 00a Ed Kennedy Chevy 49.368 182.304
- 25 61 Joey Coulter Chevy 49.554 181.620
- 26 00 Ed Kennedy Chevy 49.663 181.221
- 27 17a Chris Buescher Ford 49.817 180.661
- 28 44 Frank Kimmel Toyota 49.914 180.310
- 29 75a Ginny Quinones Toyota 49.969 180.112
- 30 75 Benny Chastain Toyota 50.007 179.975
- 31 51a Damon Luis Chevy 50.059 179.791
- 32 10a Dennis Strickland Ford 50.094 179.662
- 33 90 Zachary Ralston Ford 50.120 179.669
- 34 05a Derrick Cope Chevy 50.235 179.158
- 35 05 Spencer Gallagher Chevy 50.249 179.108
- 36 13 George Cushman Dodge 50.315 178.873
- 37 5 Bobby Gerhart Chevy 50.367 178.688
- 38 40t Nick Tucker Dodge 50.390 178.607
- 39 11c Trevor Edwards Chevy 50.517 178.158
- 40 10 Derrick Griffin Ford 50.539 178.080
- 41 29 Bob Bryant Dodge 50.606 177.845
- 42 29d Andy Jones Dodge 50.626 177.774
- 43 181 Chris Coker Ford 50.649 177.725
- 44 1a Alexander Gregory Ford 50.715 177.462
- 45 04 Scott Edwards Dodge 50.736 177.389
- 46 11b Rick Clifton Chevy 50.929 176.717
- 47 1 Thomas Praytor Ford 51.049 176.301
- 48 40b Trent Mayo Dodge 51.225 175.695
- 49 06 Ricky Byers Chevy 51.265 175.558
- 50 40d Larry Barford Dodge 51.570 174.520
- 51 7 Brent Cross Chevy 51.940 173.277
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SEQ CHAPTER V V NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0370 Original

SEQ CHAPTER V V 1 In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 4974 Feysy Valley Road, Scott Depot, West Virginia 25560 has applied for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 329.24 acres located 0.7 mile southeast of Pyramid in Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation will disturb 122 surface acres and will underlie 81.63 acres within the permit boundary making a total permit area of 318.55 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 2.75 miles northwest of KY Rte 850 and KY Rte. 550 in Floyd County. The latitude is 37°33'46". The Longitude is 82°51'50". The surface area owned by Ellen Pitts et al., Evie Thornsbury, Dora Davis, Patricia K. Pitts, Billy, Susan, and Dexter Rebert, J. T. & Anna Lee Thornsbury, Phyllis, Jeffrey and Zella Watson, Judith C. Hamm & Floyd Davis, Jeremy T. and Yvinda Howard, Paul Lloyd Hicks, and Big Branch Holding Company, LLC.

The proposed operation is located on the Marin USGS 78afract12; minute quadrangle. The operation will use the surface contour, surface area, and surface auger/highwall mine methods of surface mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources' Department of Surface Mining and Reclamation and Enforcement, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8069, Renewal No. 5

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Martin Coal Processing Corporation, P.O. Box 1200, Robinson Creek, Kentucky 41860 has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 12.00 acres located 0.15 miles east of Hile in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.67 miles southeast from KY 122's junction with KY 80 and located 0.10 mile southeast of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Harold and Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangles. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Martin Coal Processing Corporation and CSX/Chessie Systems.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

Legals
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0404 Amendment No. 4

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources LLC, 1374 HWY 192E, London, KY 40304 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 4.5 miles northwest of Huesville in Floyd County. The amendment will add an additional 21.3 acres of surface disturbance, delete 52.5 surface disturbance and will delete an additional 50.1 underground acres making the total area will be 711.8 acres.

The amendment area is approximately 1.8 miles north of KY 4074, at the intersection with KY Route 7, and located in Plummer Branch and Raccoon Branch of Sattick Creek.

The proposed amendment is located on the David and Handshoo U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The amendment will use the contour strip and highwall/mine methods of mining. The surface area is owned by John F. Hoover, Laurell Mountain Resources LLC, Thelma & Lurey Hoover, G. M. O. Forestry Fund LP and S. W. Wark. The operation will underlie surface area owned by John F. Hoover, Co., Inc., Laurel Mountain Resources LLC, Thelma & Lurey Hoover, G. M. O. Forestry Fund LP and Sylvia Wark.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-8080, Operator Change

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, intends to revise permit number 836-8080 to add an operator. The additional operator will be Beech Fork Processing, P.O. Box 190, Lowley, KY 41231.

The operation is located approximately 1.9 miles north of S.R. 122's junction with S.R. 979, located in Price, KY. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' min. quadrangle map at latitude 37°24'08"N, and longitude 82°44'28"W.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of the application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

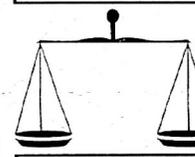
Legals
LEGAL NOTICE

Lee A. Smith, Attorney at Law, 112 West Court Street, Suite 100, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, has been appointed Warning Order Attorney by the Floyd Circuit Court to notify Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. (1/4a Capital One Bank of the nature and pendency of a certain lawsuit filed on or about December 16, 2011 in which Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. (1/4a Capital One Bank was named as a Defendant. Said suit has been filed in the Floyd Circuit Court and is captioned by Civil Action No. 11-CI-1522. The basis of the suit is a Complaint to enforce a default and lien on certain real property to secure against delinquent mortgage.

Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. (1/4a Capital One Bank shall have fifty (50) days from the date of the Warning Order to file an Answer with the Floyd Circuit Court Clerk if he desires to do so. If he does not appear in the suit and defend it, a judgement will be entered at the discretion of the court.

Anyone having information concerning Capital One Bank (USA) should contact Lee A. Smith at (606) 886-1020.

LEE A. SMITH
Attorney at Law
C.V. Reynolds Law Offices, P.S.C.
112 West Court Street
Suite 100
Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653



NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5598, Bond Release

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, P.O. Box 169, Lacksy, Kentucky 41643 has applied for Phase I, II and III bond release on permit number 836-5598, which was last issued on 09-14-2011. The application covers an area of approximately 2.00 acres will underlie an additional 194.08 acres and is located 1.5 miles southwest of Mink Branch.

The permit area is approximately 1.5 miles southwest from the junction of KY 979 and Mink Branch Road, and is located 1.5 miles south of KY 122. The latitude is 37°25'33". The longitude is 82°40'22".

For Incenture No. 1, approximately 100 percent of the original bond amount of \$17,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 07, 2012.

Legals
SEQ CHAPTER V V NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5588

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that EXXO Resources Company, P.O. Box 1000, Frankfort, Kentucky 41635, has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2 miles south of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 4.4 surface acres and will underlie 250 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 254.4 acres.

(2) The proposed operation is approximately 2.5 miles south from Kentucky Route 203's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located on the Little Mud Creek between Lower Wolfpen Branch and Upper Wolfpen Branch. The latitude is 37 degrees 26 minutes 36 seconds and the longitude is 82 degrees 41 minutes 30 seconds.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2' minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Emmott Lawson. The operation will underlie land owned by Tina Adkins Estate, Audrey Parsons, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, and Vannie Kidd.

(4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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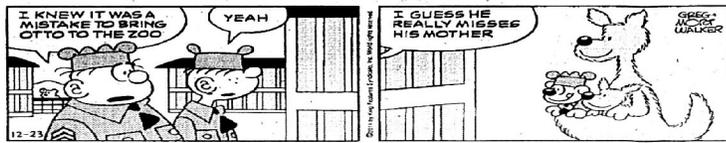
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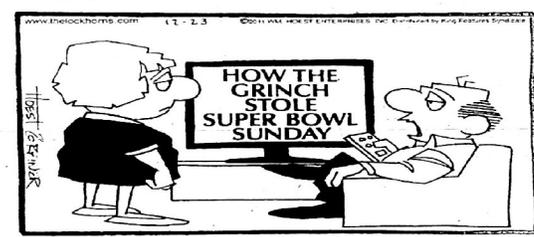
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Keep reaching for the stars. Once focused, you could be stunned by what you can accomplish. Don't forget a dear friend at a distance. If someone becomes belligerent, it probably is the result of envy. Tonight: Light up the night with music.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Deal with another person directly. You might feel quite irritated with this person. Clear the air if you want to manifest the loving vibes of the next few days. Avoid dramatic comments; they will be remembered. Center on your feelings. Tonight: Together.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Someone knocks on your door, and yet another person does the same. Your popularity soars, and you feel much more connected than you have in a long time. You will need to make space to complete a certain task. Join a partner or friend to finish last-minute errands. Tonight: Say "yes."
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You make quite an effort to make a difference to someone. Don't make a comment a reason to become angry. Know that many people's nerves are fried. Stay attentive when around machinery, as you can be unusually distracted. Tonight: Completing, not beginning.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Think of the nature delights in the holiday celebrations. Whatever plans you have, you delight in the moment. Your fiery personality pep up others. Use care with time-sensitive items. You easily could go overboard. A little self-discipline goes a long way. Tonight: Frolic away.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Tension builds, and you have difficulty handling it all. You want to choose a stress-buster instead of losing your temper with someone who doesn't deserve it. Spend some extra hours at home if possible. Check in with a family member. Tonight: At home.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You cannot suppress certain feelings, and they could be put out in a distorted manner, as in sarcasm or yelling at the cat. With everything at such a spin, you need to clear the air. Listen to what is shared by a close friend. Tonight: Stop and do some last-minute errands before partaking in eggnog.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** A friend could play a strong role in your mood. Understanding evolves as you detach. Be careful when making an attempt to clear the air. In some fashion, it could be rather extreme and, in the long run, inadvisable. Remain appropriate. Tonight: Start sharing holiday wishes.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** If you can tolerate being pushed by another person, you deserve kudos. Keep your cool, and don't lose sight of certain priorities. Others count on you getting the job done. Touch base with an older but feisty friend. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Know when to pull back and let others dominate. You might feel as if you cannot cover all the bases. Don't hesitate to ask a question or two. Ask for help if you need it. Accept what is happening right now. Tonight: Just flow with the moment.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Make sure you indulge a little and do less of what you think you must. Stop and take time to visit with key friends. Take the opportunity to share your feelings with a special friend or loved one. This person appreciates your time and care. Tonight: Where your friends are.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Establish your role with your friends or associates. So many people count on you, you might not have room for any slack. A partner or relative could be aggravated that you are spread so thin. Tonight: Make time for a special person, in the midst of all the business.
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Christmas traditions around the globe

Families across the globe cherish their Christmas traditions. Customs may be unique to every family, but many countries boast their own unique traditions as well.

• **Australia:** Many Australians celebrate Christmas by coming together at night to sing carols outside. That's not as chilly as it might sound, as Christmas in

Australia actually falls during summer vacation. In fact, many of the country's most popular Christmas traditions occur outside.

• **England:** Contrary to Australia, England's weather around Christmastime is much colder. Many of England's traditions resemble those popular in North America, including wrapping gifts, hanging stockings over

the fireplace and gathering around the Christmas tree. Kids in England write a letter with their wishes to Father Christmas, but unlike mailing those letters like many North American children do, English children toss their letters into a fire so their Christmas wishes can go up the chimney.

• **France:** Christmas celebrations in France begin several weeks

before December 25, but Christmas Eve is most special to many natives of France. On Christmas Eve, church bells ring as people sing noels, or carols. The following day, a feast is enjoyed upon returning home from church.

• **Germany:** In Germany, the weather is cold during the Christmas season, and in the weeks leading up to Christmas families bake

sweet bread, cakes with candied fruits and spicy cookies. Advent wreaths are popular in Germany and are purchased four Sundays before Christmas begins. The wreaths have places for four candles, and families light a candle on the wreath each Sunday.

• **Mexico:** Families in Mexico celebrate Christmas by decorating their homes with lilies or evergreens. Because the weather is warm, many families also cut designs into brown paper bags before inserting a candle and then setting the designs, called farolitos,

along the sidewalk, on windowsills, false rafters, and along outdoor walls. Many communities in the southwestern United States have adopted this tradition, which they often refer to as luminarias.

• **Sweden:** Christmas celebrations in Sweden begin on December 13, the day the country celebrates St. Lucia's Day. Celebrations for St. Lucia, the patron saint of light, are intricate and involve the whole family. A couple of days before Christmas is when many families select their Christmas tree.

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MOVIES FROM THE BLACK LAGOON

'Grizzly Park'

Tom Doty
 Times Columnist

A park ranger and eight juvenile delinquents run afoul of a not-so-gentle "Ben" in this "man vs. nature"-styled horror flick.

It all begins when a serial killer stops to help a correctional officer change a tire. Unfortunately, his idea of roadside assistance includes killing the victim after watching him change the tire himself. The killer opts to take the guy's place and deliver eight young offenders to a nature preserve, where they are to help clean up some trails.

The teens turn out to be a motley crew of (mostly upper class) minor leaguers. They are annoying but wouldn't last a minute on one of those juvenile offender boot camps that used to be featured on daytime shows like "Maury Povich" and "Rikki Lake."

The kids get a quick lesson on the park by Ranger Bob. He's a straight-laced doofus and convenient authority figure for the kids to hate. He actually gives them good advice (like don't feed the animals) which they promptly ignore. They wind up getting sprayed by a hungry skunk and have to march downwind of Bob.

Meanwhile, the serial killer guy decides to stay in the woods and is the first one to see who the park is named after large mammals that like honey, but will settle for the face of a convenient psychopath. The group has no clue as to their danger and proceeds to do all of the things one shouldn't do in a horror film. Splitting up is, of course, the first thing they do, and that proves fatal for

the couple that wasn't paying attention to Ranger Bob's lesson on avoiding wolf traps.

The rest of the group is very happy when Bob opts to search for the missing couple. They immediately begin to break the remaining horror movie rules by engaging in sexual activities, doing drugs and causing false scares by dressing up as a bear. Turn out that bears really hate guys in bear suits and it makes them want to decapitate the unfortunate soul who is dumb enough to don a bear costume in a grizzly country. The ensuing kills are quite gory and really liven up the last half-hour as the bear goes ape.

This is a fun flick and the first from writer/director Tom Skull. He proves to have a good sense of humor though, he will have to work on writing dialogue for young adults, as most of his characters come off as the same. This has the effect of rendering all of them as whiny potential bear food. He does a better job with Ranger Bob. He comes off as a forthright and moral guy until the final twist reveals a sinister side. Credit goes to Glenn Morshower for pulling off this character. He is the most experienced actor in the film and is by recognizable to fans of "24" and the "Transformer" flicks.

The film is also quite affordable. I picked it up at the Wal-Mart for five bucks. The film is one of four flicks on a single disc and a real bargain. Enjoy this one and look forward to even better things from Mr. Skull.

Best line: "I am aware that education is lacking in this country, but I won't tolerate bad language."
 2009, rated R.

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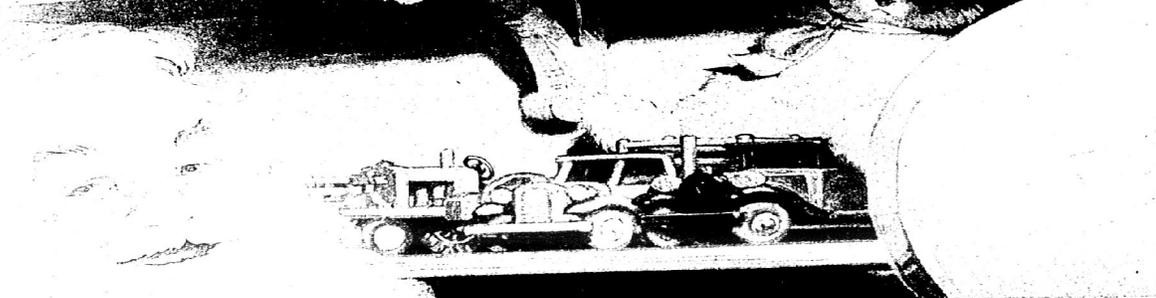
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Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been doing good. I would like a iPod, phone, makeup, camera and a big girl bed with steps on it. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Isabella
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Nintendo 3DS. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Maddie
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Dora kitchen. Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
BreAnn
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a duck hunting game. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Barrett
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a little puppy dog! Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Hailee Mitchell
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a pretty good boy. I would like a 4-wheeler, Operation game and new coat! Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Aiden Heath Warren
Akers
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good boy. I would like a real Lightning McQueen. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Dylan
— HO-HO-HO —
J.M. Stumbo Head Start, Ms. Deb and Ms. Wilma's class.
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a LaLa Loopsy doll and Dora glasses. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Alexis Yates
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good girl. I would like an iPad and some toys. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Autumn Adams
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a windmill and cars. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Ashton Hamilton
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a Barbie, Tinkerbell and a baby doll. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Stacy Rowe
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been very good. I would like a Dora toy and something Tinkerbell. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Elizabeth Doninger
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a very good boy. I would like a bear hunting game for Wii, iPad and Mario figurines. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Blaine Akers
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good boy. I would like toys. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Seth Kendrick

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good girl. I would like a Baby Alive. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Megan Bentley
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a LaLa Loopsy doll, hunting jacket. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Sydney Haml
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good girl. I would like a new toy for Christmas. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Kenzie Hayden
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good girl. I would like an iPad and toys. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Spring Adams
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good boy. I would like a motorcycle and a skateboard. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Caleb Akers
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a baby doll. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Alibeth Hamilton
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been pretty good. I would like a Lion King toy and playhouse. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Breanna Lewis
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been very good. I would like a toy hamster, Barbie boy and girl. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Jasmine Reynolds
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like toys, baby doll, boots. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Allison Hamilton
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been a good boy. I would like Toy Story toys. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Bradley Newsome
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? This year I have been good. I would like a puppy dog, iPod, earrings. Merry Christmas!
Your friend,
Skye
— HO-HO-HO —
Osborne Elementary,
Mrs. Holbrook's room
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. The thing I want for Christmas is a good dog so it can play with me.
Your friend,
Timmy Smallwood
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. My name is Andy. I want a Power Ranger sword for Christmas and a Power Ranger phone. I want an AAir Hog, wireless internet in my room, and I would like to live with Sean. I want a Nintendo 3DS and I would like for Cameron and Logan to spend the night with me.
Your friend,
Andy Osborne
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I've been a good girl. I'm

in second grade. What I want for Christmas is the Littlest Pet shop Airplane.
Your friend,
Madison Little
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I'm writing you because I have been really good this year! I would like a DSIXL, laptop, I-pad, Wii games, and Ds games for Christmas. I would also like to stay in school. I would also like a Husky dog. I would really like to spend time with my family.
Your friend,
Kaitlyn Jarrell
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I've been really good this year! What I want this year is a dirt bike, four-wheeler, and a dog.
Your friend,
Conner Hill
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I've been really good this year! What I want for Christmas is a bow and arrow, a Camcorder, an iPad, a xbox 360, a camera, and a camera that hooks up to trees.
Your friend,
Sean Spears
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I've been a really good girl! I want an iPod, high heel boots, a sled, pop and a lepercon and an elf too.
Your friend,
Hailey Howell
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. What I want for Christmas is gold high heels, a pink dress, and an I-pad. I would also like silver boots with brand new skinny jeans and a purple shirt that's sparkly. I want an orange shirt with black skinny jeans and some golden boots.
Your friend,
Hannah Stewart
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. All I want for Christmas is Legos. I've been a little good this year and also I want a 3DS and a Wii for my room.
Your friend,
Jayden Barelo
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I have been a good boy. I want for Christmas a new skateboard and a new bike. I would like a big screen TV. I want to spend time with my family. I want new clothes. I want a new MP3 player.
Your friend,
Tyler Rice
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I have been a good boy for mom. I love this holiday. I want Dr. Dreadful zombie Lab, Dr. Dreadful Stomach Churner, Dr. Dreadful Snot Shot, Dr. Dreadful Bug station, a beagle poster, a mocking bird, air swimmers, and a mind reader. I can't wait for Christmas. I want an X-box 360 and a game Rise of Nightmare and 12 3ds games.
Your friend,
Jacob Short
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I have been really good this year! I am surprising my mom and dad with a present. I want to give them peace, love, joy and happiness. I would like a pair of high heel boots,

and a really good gift from my mom and dad. I want my family to have a good Christmas. I really love Christmas it's my favorite holiday because I get toys, we get to play in the snow, and we get to meet you on Christmas. I also love getting days off school. I love Christmas and I want to wish you a Merry Christmas.
Your friend,
Shayla Hall
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I've been really good this year. For Christmas I would like to have a flat screen t.v. I want an airhog, some bayblades, and a 3ds. I want the blue Wii for my room! I would like a lego halo set and a girl black German Shepard.
Your friend,
Logan Morrison
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I've been good this year. I want a husky dog for Christmas.
Your friend,
Tanner Morrison
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I've been a good boy! All I want for Christmas is a Star Wars toy, Halo toys, and a toy gun. I want the movie Arthur Christmas, spy kids, and I would like to have a German Shepard dog. I think the best Christmas gift ever is being with my family.
Your friend,
Cameron Morrison
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I have been a good girl this year! I want dolls, clothes, and an Orby Spa. I would also like a hair salon, an

IPAD, a Nintendo 3ds with games. I want some high heel boots and a La La Loopsy tree house with a bus.
Your friend,
Haylee Stone
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like an I pod, a Santa dress, and shoes to go with it. I also want a Jessie and Bulls eye from Toy Story. I would like some Selena games, Justin Bieber doll, a Selena Gomez microphone, some clothes, and new shoes. I love you Santa Claus!
Your friend,
Brooklyn Johnson
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in Mrs. L. Holbrook's room at OES. I've been really good this year! For Christmas I want an I pod, a bike, a La La Loopsy Silly Hair, a phone, a Wappy Dog, and a lap top. Merry Christmas Santa I love you!
Your friend,
Raeleah Stone
— HO-HO-HO —
Osborne Elementary,
Mrs. Akers' room
Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I hope Mrs. Claus is doing well. There are two things that I would like for Christmas, a cell phone and an I-Pad. I will leave you milk and cookies on top of the fireplace. I am in the Mrs. T. Akers' room at OES.
Love,
Autumn Mitchell
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you and the reindeers doing? I want a dirt bike, laptop, and a sword. I will leave you some cookies and milk on the mantle at on the fireplace.

I am in Mrs. T. Akers' room at OES.
Love,
Chase Brewer
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want an I-pad and an I-pod for Christmas. I will have you some cookies and milk in the kitchen on the table. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.
Love,
Hannah Roger
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa, elves, reindeers and Mrs. Claus? What I would like for Christmas is a Harry Potter video game, PlayStation 3, and sponge Bob Movie. I've been a good boy this year. I'm going to leave you a Coke and cookies on the table in the kitchen. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.
Love,
Dakota Reed
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope your elves have been working hard cause you have lots of toys to bring to all the kids. How are Mrs. Claus and the elves doing? I would like a Sponge Bob movie, a laptop, x-box 360, an I-pod, and a swing set for Christmas. I hope Rudolph can make it. I am in Mrs. T. Akers class at OES. Merry Christmas
Love,
MaShaya Tackett
— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeers? I love you Santa Claus. What I want for Christmas is an I-pod, a laptop, and a cellphone. Thank you Santa for all the toys you have given to me. I'll leave you cookies and milk on the table. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.
Love,
Bryce Thacker

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— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? How are Mrs. Claus and the reindeers doing? I would like more DS cards and a blue toy gun. My brothers would also like more DS cards for Christmas too. I will leave you cookies and milk on the kitchen table. I've been just a tiny bit bad this year. I hope you have a Merry Christmas! Thanks Santa! I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Chase Fraley

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want an X-box Kinect, a Moxie doll, an iPod touch and a laptop. Santa I will leave you some milk and cookies. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Destiny Flannery

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you Santa? I hope Mrs. Claus is good. I've been a good girl this year. For Christmas I want a Monster High Make-up kit, an x-box 360, an iPad touch, and a cell phone. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Lillie Hall

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing Santa? I want a sword, swing set, and an Mp3 player. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Jacob Gilliam

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want an iPod touch with a camera on it and an X-box 360. I have been a good girl. I will

leave some cookies and milk for you. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Tori Hall

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a ball, an MP3 player and all the Jason Aldean songs. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Garrett Hall

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want an X-Box Kinect game, a toy dump truck and a Jason Aldean CD. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Gunner Hall

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Can I have a Moxie Doll for Christmas? I have been a good girl this year. I will leave some cookies under the tree for you Santa. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Kendall Collins

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you? What I want for Christmas is an iPad and an iPod touch. I wish you, the elves, the reindeers, and Mrs. Claus a Merry Christmas. I will leave you cookies and milk on the counter. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Natalie Bailey

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? For Christmas I want a toy plane, a toy car, and a DS game. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Caleb Hubbard

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I

want a swing set, Cars2 movie, a Sponge Bob Movie, an X-box360, a toy Rudolph, and an iPod touch for Christmas. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I am in Mrs. T. Akers' class at OES.

Love,
Doug Smallwood

— HO-HO-HO —
Osborne Elementary,
Mrs. Allen's class
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade. I go to Osborne Elementary. I am in Mrs. Allen's class. What I want for Christmas is a MP3 player, new book bag, TV, baby dolls, Barbie dolls, Littlest pet shops, surf movie, Merry Christmas Santa. Look in the kitchen; I will leave strawberries and milk.

Your friend,
Phyllis

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. I am in Mrs. Allen's class. I can't wait for Christmas. I have been a good boy this year. What I want for Christmas is a four-wheeler and a motorcycle, tomy gun, laser gun. My sisters have been good. Bring them something nice. I hope you have a good Christmas this year and I will leave you milk and cookies.

Good Luck,
Seth

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. Mrs. Allen is my teacher. I want a play station 3, iPad, electric scooter, a computer, four-wheeler, a train, a BB gun. One thing I would like for my family is to watch over my baby sister. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Andrew

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I want a new dirt bike, new dog, new cat, new bed, new bedroom, new cat, a flage coat, and I also want an iPad. I would like to have one of your reindeers. Be safe on the sleigh.

Merry Christmas
Your friend,
Hunter

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. I am in Mrs. Allen's class. For Christmas, I want a bunny, play make up, a computer and school supplies. I will leave you cookies and milk. Be safe and buckle up.

Merry Christmas,
Mikah

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. What I want for Christmas is zuzu pets, Nintendo 3ds and games, wide maker game, new phone, iPod touch, cars 2 track, new book, last but not least a new pool. Be safe Santa. Tell Mrs. Clause I said Hi. I love you Santa.

Your friend,
Destiny

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I want an airplane, new couch, a computer, stereo, keyboard, mouse toy and rainbow Christmas lights. I will leave cookies and milk for the tree.

Be safe and buckle up.
Merry Christmas
Jason

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary.

My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I want everything of Demi Lavoto and Hannah Montana and Nicki Minaj. I want fancy heels, stuffed bear that says I LOVE YOU Mommy. I want toy mustang car that I can fit into.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Your friend,
Brooklyn

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I want an iPad, I phone, I pod I have been very good this year. One thing that I have done is help my mom take care of my baby brother.

Merry Christmas, Koty

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. For Christmas, I want an Xbox 360, nerf gun, real gun, train, new dog, dirt bike, new Wii game Sky landers and would also like a new car for my mom. I hope you come to my house.

Be safe.
Merry Christmas,
Wesley

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I want spy gear, tent, table, 10 fuses, laptop, phosin burner, 3dsi, ipad, iphone, four wheeler, Merry Christmas Santa.

I will leave cookies and milk on the table. Be Safe. Sincerely,
Ean

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I want a play gun, play robot, play tools, play station.

I love you.
Connor

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I want an X Box 360; play station 3, and a Nintendo DS. Be safe Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies.

Your friend,
Aeryn

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I want an iPad, dog, toy car, cat, dirt bike, four wheeler, shot gun, new house for my mom. Merry Christmas.

Look in the kitchen for some cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Sebastian

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I would like and I pad, dirt bike and my two front teeth. I have been a good boy. Say hi to Mrs. Claus. Look in the kitchen for milk and cookies. Oh yeah, I also want a computer.

Your friend,
Jacob

— HO-HO-HO —
Dear Santa,
I am in second grade at Osborne Elementary. My teacher is Mrs. Allen. I would like for Christmas. I would like: I phone 4S, I pad 2, I mac laptop, a morkie puppy and winter clothes for my puppy, Alvin and the chipmunks, shivwheeler movie, Spy gadget stuff, Santa Claus build a bear, Smurfs movie, Smurfs Christmas movie. Be safe and have a great Christmas. I will leave you cookies and white grape juice in the den by the fireplace.

Merry Christmas Santa,
Christian

Merry Christmas

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Holiday traditions are fun. This year it may be time to begin some new ones to add even more enjoyment.

8 ways to create new holiday traditions

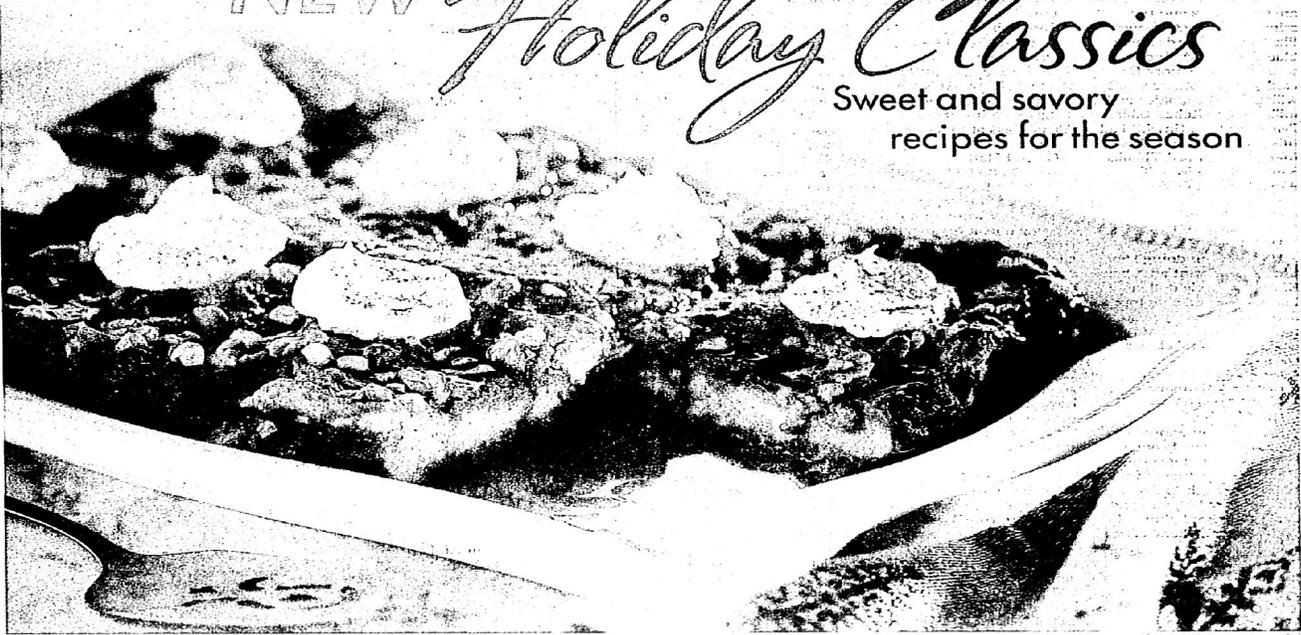
Much of what makes the holiday season so special is the traditions that people hold dear. While families have traditions that stretch back decades, there is plenty of opportunity to embrace new means of celebration to breathe new life into Christmas, Chanukkah or the season's other holidays.

Chances are you're already hanging stockings or going caroling this year. You can add some of these and modify as they fit for your family.

1. Feed the wildlife. During the cold days of winter, birds and small animals that don't hibernate may find it difficult to forage for food. By trimming an outdoor pine tree in edible snacks you'll have a beautiful tree and one that benefits the wildlife as well. String peanuts and other nuts for the squirrels. Make little ornaments out of suet and string for the birds. Berries and corn can be enjoyed by all. Be sure to choose a tree that is far enough away from the house, so you don't have too many scavengers hunting and pecking around the house.
2. Create a photo Advent calendar. Make your own Advent calendar that has small doors that open up to photos of different family members. Or use a collection of children's pictures that showcase how they've changed as they've grown older.
3. Adopt a child for holiday gifts. Each year you can bring a smile to a child in need by purchasing a present for an underprivileged kid. Some post offices sponsor "Letters from Santa" events where participants can respond to one of the thousands of letters mailed to The North Pole. Or work with a local charity that organizes events to bring gifts to children in hospitals or in foster care.
4. Holiday story countdown. Every night in December, watch a movie or read a story that tells an uplifting holiday tale. Use this as a method of counting down until Christmas. On the night prior, reading "Twas the Night Before Christmas" should suffice.
5. Remember someone who has passed on. The holiday season is one made beautiful by lit candles and twinkling lights. Remember a loved one or a friend who has passed away by lighting a remembrance candle in his or her honor. It's a way this person can still be part of the festivities.
6. Have a holiday sing-along. Sure, it may be tradition to go around the neighborhood singing carols, but it's just as fun indoors. Have a singing party where guests are given lyrics to popular tunes they can sing around the piano or karaoke machine.
7. Bring some joy to a public servant. Police officers, firefighters, military personnel... many of these workers do not get off for the holidays. There are a certain number of public servants who must remain on call in the event of an emergency. Treat these people to something enjoyable when they may be missing their own festivities. Cook or cater a meal for a fire house, deliver cookies to the police station or put together care packages for people living on a military base.
8. Banish the holiday blues. When the holidays are set to go for another year, many people find they become a little down. After all, a home that was once filled with merry trinkets may now go back to the bare essentials. Create a tradition where everyone in the family receives one more gift — a personalized ornament that can be packed away for use next year — that's given in January before the decorations are packed away. It's another opportunity to open a present, and it symbolizes looking forward to the joy of next year.

NEW Holiday Classics

Sweet and savory recipes for the season



FAMILY FEATURES

The holiday season is the perfect time to gather around the table with friends and family and share delicious dishes and treats. Every family has their traditional favorites — whether sweet or savory. Consider giving your traditional holiday feast a creative twist with these three recipes. They all feature the fresh-roasted taste of Jif® Peanut Butter, a versatile ingredient that complements both sweet and savory dishes, turning simple recipes into new holiday classics.

Peanut Butter Caramel French Toast: This decadent breakfast or brunch dish can be prepared the night before, so all you have to do in the morning is pop it in the oven. It's an easy way to start the day off with friends and family.

Rigatoni Romesco with Grilled Shrimp: This flavorful pasta dish features peanut red sauce with grilled shrimp. And it comes together in no time — which means you have more time to enjoy the company of good friends.

Apple Cranberry Peanut Butter Crisp: Take baked apples to a whole new level with a peanut butter crumble topping. It's so good you might want to make two and save one for later.

For more sweet and savory holiday recipes with a peanut twist, visit www.jif.com.

Peanut Butter Caramel French Toast

Servings: 8
Preparation Time: 30 minutes
Cooking Time: 45 minutes

- Crisco® Original No-Stick Cooking Spray
 - 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup butter
 - 1/2 cup Jif Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter
 - 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
 - 12 1-inch-thick slices French bread
 - 6 large eggs, beaten
 - 1 1/2 cups milk
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
 - 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
 - Whipped cream or whipped butter
1. Coat 13 x 9-inch baking dish with no-stick cooking spray. Stir brown sugar, butter, peanut butter and corn syrup in small saucepan over medium heat, stirring constantly, until smooth and thickened. Pour peanut butter mixture into baking dish. Place bread slices over mixture, trimming to fit.
 2. Whisk together eggs, milk, salt, vanilla and almond extracts in a medium bowl. Pour egg mixture over bread. Cover and chill 8 hours or overnight.
 3. Heat oven to 350°F. Remove cover. Bake 45 minutes or until lightly browned. Invert onto large serving platter. Cut into servings. Serve with whipped cream or whipped butter.



Create Your Own Classics — and Win

Now through January 18, 2012, creative cooks can share original recipes using at least two tablespoons of Jif Peanut Butter in Sweet and Savory categories for the chance to win one of two \$10,000 kitchen makeovers in the Jif New Classics Recipe Contest.

Complete Official Rules are available at www.jif.com. Contest open to legal residents of the 50 United States and D.C., 18 years or older. Void where prohibited.

Apple Cranberry Peanut Butter Crisp

Servings: 9
Preparation Time: 15 minutes
Cooking Time: 40 minutes

- 6 cups peeled, sliced Gala apples (about 3 large)
 - 1/4 cup dried cranberries
 - 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Topping**
- 6 tablespoons Pillsbury Best® All Purpose Flour
 - 3 tablespoons toasted wheat germ
 - 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 - 1/2 cup Jif Omega-3 Creamy Peanut Butter
 - 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
 - Smucker's® Sundae Syrup™ Caramel Flavored Syrup (optional) or Smucker's Sugar Free Sundae Syrup Caramel Flavored Syrup

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Stir apples, cranberries, 1/4 cup brown sugar and cinnamon until coated. Spoon evenly in 9 x 9-inch baking pan.
2. Mix flour, wheat germ and 1/4 cup brown sugar in medium bowl. Cut in peanut butter with fork until crumbs form. Stir in walnuts. Crumble over apples.
3. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until apples are fork tender and top is golden brown. Cool 10 minutes. Drizzle with caramel flavored syrup, if desired. Serve warm.

Rigatoni Romesco with Grilled Shrimp

Servings: 6
Cooking Time: 20 minutes

- 2 tablespoons Crisco® 100% Extra Virgin Olive Oil, divided, plus 1/3 cup olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, divided and chopped
- 1 slice white bread
- 1 cup Jif Extra Crunchy Peanut Butter
- 1 (12-ounce) jar roasted red peppers, undrained
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans diced tomatoes
- 2 tablespoons chopped Italian parsley
- 2 teaspoons salt, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 3 pounds (about 3 dozen) large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 (16-ounce) package rigatoni pasta, cooked according to package directions and kept warm.

Optional Garnish

- Chopped Italian parsley, chopped peanuts or roasted red pepper strips
1. Add 1 tablespoon oil and 2 cloves garlic to a large non-stick skillet on medium heat. Sauté and stir about 1 minute.
 2. Transfer garlic to small bowl. Add bread to skillet and cook 2 minutes on each side until toasted. Remove bread and tear into large pieces.
 3. Place sautéed garlic, remaining clove raw garlic, bread, peanut butter and roasted red peppers in food processor and pulse well. Add in pepper flakes, tomatoes, parsley, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, vinegar, chili powder and paprika; purée. With processor running, add 1/3 cup oil gradually through the feed tube and mix well. Return sauce to skillet and heat thoroughly. Keep warm.
 4. Heat grill. Season shrimp with remaining 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper and 1 tablespoon oil in large bowl. Stir to combine. Grill about 2 minutes on each side or until opaque.
 5. Place pasta on large platter. Top with sauce, then shrimp. Serve hot. Garnish with Italian parsley, chopped peanuts and red peppers if desired. Serve hot.

Prevent home break-ins any time of the year

The joys of the holidays are many: Sharing eggnog, exchanging presents, trimming the tree, contacting the police to report a robbery. The last one certainly isn't a joy, but it's an all-too common reality of the season. But the holidays aren't the only times that home break-ins take place. There's no telling what goes through the minds of thieves, and preparing for any situation is the way to avoid loss due to theft.

In the U.S., a home is robbed every 14.6 seconds, and the average dollar loss per burglary is \$2,119, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Statistics Canada offers that break-ins are not only the most serious type of property crime committed in Canada, but they are also one of the most common. In 2009, there were more than 205,000 break-ins reported to the police, accounting for 15 percent of all property crimes.

Despite burglaries being down overall in numbers in both the U.S. and Canada, homeowners can



Keeping lights on and shrubbery trimmed around entryways helps dissuade burglars from attempting a break-in.

still be diligent in their efforts to prevent break-ins and property loss. Here are some strategies for thwarting would-be thieves.

- Break down cardboard boxes. There's no better way to tell thieves about all the

- new presents you received than by advertising them at the curbside. Burglars will see that empty television box or other expensive gadget boxes put out for pickup and have a clue about the new goodies

- inside the home. Instead, cut up the boxes and bundle them with newspapers so they are inconspicuous.

- Lock every door and window all the time — including the garage. Many people fail to realize that

the garage presents a great point of entry to the house, one that is private and away from the eyes of concerned neighbors. Once inside the garage, a thief can use tools in the garage to pick at the lock on an inside door to the home.

- Forget about hiding keys. Thieves know about all the places homeowners hide spare keys. You're not fooling anyone with faux rocks or a key taped over the door. If you're prone to forgetting your keys, leave a spare pair with a trusted neighbor instead.

- Don't advertise your status on social network sites. You may be excited to share your vacation adventures with friends, but posting pictures of your vacation or telling others about when you're planning to leave the house can be dangerous. Even if you have your security settings locked down to only friends, the fewer people who know about your whereabouts the better. Your list of 200 friends may not be the closest friends anymore.

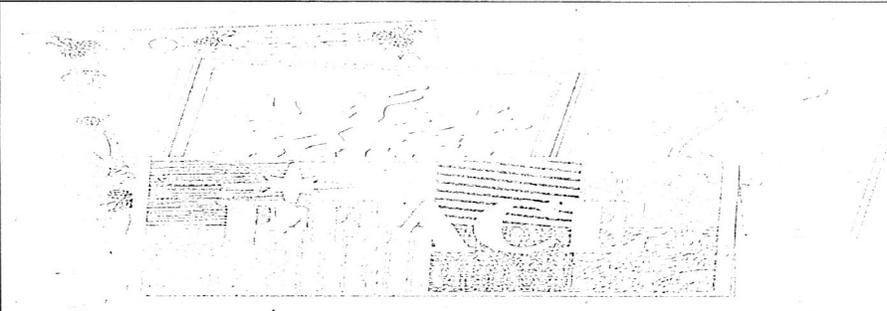
- Trim bushes and fix lighting. Darkness and

camouflage are a thief's best friends. Being able to hide behind shrubs to jimmy a window or lock hides him or her from others who may witness suspicious activity. Keep doorways and windows, and promptly replenish any burned-out bulbs.

- Don't give burglars easy access. Leaving ladders or items that can turn into stepping stools enables thieves to reach any window or door of the house — even upstairs windows that may be unlocked.

- Keep things out of easy view. Some people love the open look of drupe-free windows. However, giving outsiders a clear view of the interior of your home can set you up for trouble, as it gives thieves a view of your valuables. Close the blinds after dark and especially when you're leaving the home for a time.

- There are many tactics to take to help protect your home and belongings from being stolen. Employ these tips during the holidays and year-round.



Christmas Greetings

Sending out Christmas greetings is a tradition that is still common today. Have you ever wondered just how many cards are sent across the country? According to Hallmark Corporate, 1.5 billion Christmas cards, including boxed and individual cards, are purchased and then sent every year in the U.S. This makes Christmas the No. 1 holiday for sending greetings, followed by Valentine's Day (144 million) and Mother's Day (133 million).

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wishes you and your loved ones peace, health, happiness and prosperity in the coming New Year.

Merry Christmas!

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."

[Luke 2:11]



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